

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations of Misappropriation of Government funds by certain Engineering Officials of ITDA, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri G. Maheswara Rao, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, (Retd.), Srikakulam District and others – Enquiry Officer appointed – Report submitted - Imposition of penalty of 5% cut in Pension permanently, under Rule 9 (1) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT(VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 141

Dated: 15-6-2011.

Read the following:

1. Govt. Memo No.13580/TW.Ser.II-1/97-18, Social Welfare (TW. Ser.II-I) Dept., Dated: 9.07.1999.
2. G.O.Rt.No. 369, Social Welfare (TW.Ser.II.1) Department, Dt: 24.05.2008.
3. From the Commissioner of Enquiries, G.A (COI) Dept., D.O.Lr.No. 814/COI-CK/A1/2008, Dt:8.12.2008.
4. Govt. Memo No.15585/Vig.II/A1/2009-9, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development (Vig.II) Department, Dated:09.11.2009.
5. From Sri G. Maheswara Rao, Executive Engineer (Retd.), Representation, Dated: 06.02.2010.
6. Govt. Memo No.15585/Vig.II/A1/2009-21, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development (Vig.II) Department, Dated:23.4.2010.
7. From Sri G. Maheswara Rao, Executive Engineer (Retd.), Representation, Dated: 12.07.2010.
8. Govt. Letter Nos.15585/Vig.II/A1/2009-26 & 41, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (VIG.II) Deptt., Dated: 27.8.2010 and 21.4.2011.
9. From the Secretary(I/C), APPSC, Hyderabad, Lr No.1238/RT-I/3/2010, Dt: 10.5.2011.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Sri G. Maheswara Rao, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (Retd.), and other Engineering personnel of Panchayat Raj Department on the allegations of Misappropriation of Government funds by certain Engineering Officials of ITDA, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District.

2. After examining the Written Statement of Defence of the Accused Officer and others, orders were issued appointing Smt. Chandana Khan, I.A.S., Member, Commissioner Of Inquiries, General Administration Department, as Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Sri G. Maheswara Rao, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (Retd.), and others in the reference 2nd read above. In the reference 3rd read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted her Enquiry Report. In the reference 4th read above, while communicating the Enquiry Report, the above said Officer has been directed to submit his representation, if any, on the Enquiry Report. Sri G. Maheswara Rao, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, (Retd.), has submitted his representation in the reference 5th read above, stating that he has given advances to the Section Officers as per procedure and he adjusted the entire advance received from the Section Officers during his tenure in Tribal Welfare Department; and, requested to drop all the charges.

3. After carefully examining the Inquiry Officer's Report along with the Representation of the individual in the matter, Government have provisionally decided to impose a punishment of **5% cut in Pension permanently** on Sri G. Maheswara Rao, Executive Engineer (Retd.), Panchayat Raj. Sri G. Maheswara Rao, Executive Engineer

(Retd.), Panchayat Raj, was, therefore, directed to show cause as to why a punishment of **5% cut in Pension permanently**, should not be imposed on him under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 vide the Memo 6th read above.

4. In the reference 7th read above, Sri G. Maheswara Rao, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, (Retd.), has submitted his reply to the above Show Cause Notice, stating that he has received the Memo on 10.7.2010, that he had retired from service on 31.10.2002 after attaining superannuation, that he has submitted his explanation on the charges levelled against him in March 2002 itself, i.e., 7 months prior to his retirement, that the Chief Engineer, Tribal Welfare, Hyderabad, vide his Letter No. B3/9812/98-SPT, Dt:18.5.2004, has recommended in favour of dropping of the charges, as all the advances have been adjusted; he has also stated that he has hailed from Joint Family and he is the only person who got employment and being the eldest, he has to look after the welfare of the remaining family members; and therefore, in the light of the circumstances explained above, he has finally requested to exonerate the proposed punishment on humanitarian grounds.

5. After examination of the Inquiry Officer's Report and the explanation received from the Accused Officer, the A.P. Public Service Commission was addressed for concurrence to the above provisional decision taken on imposition of 5% cut in Pension permanently on the Accused Officer, vide reference letter 8th read above.

6. In the reference 9th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad, has informed that "after careful examination of the disciplinary case in the light of the records made available, Commission agree with the proposal of the Government to impose a punishment of 5% cut in Pension permanently, against Sri G. Maheswara Rao, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, (Retd.), and advise accordingly." (copy enclosed)

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby decide and impose the punishment of "5% cut in Pension, permanently", on Sri G. Maheswara Rao, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (now Retired), Srikakulam District, under Rule 9(1) of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad shall take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DR. RAJIV SHARMA,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(PR).

To

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad. (with a request to serve the copy of this Order on the Charged Officer and furnish the dated acknowledgement, to the Govt., immediately).

Sri G.Maheswara Rao, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, (Retd.), Srikakulam, (w.e.) **through** Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.(w.r.t. Letter No.28/ VC-E1/2004-7, Dated:7.4.2010).

The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.((w.r.t. Letter No. 1238/RT-I/3/2010, Dated:10.5.2011).

The Social Welfare(TW.Ser.II)Department(w.r.t. No.13580/TW.Ser.II-1/97-18, SOCIAL WELFARE(TW.Ser.II-I)Dept., Dated: 9.07.1999).
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SECTION OFFICER